

**Amendment**

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended): A histological specimen retaining device for processing tissue, said device comprising: a foldable ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable sheet having edges; a ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable target disposed on the foldable ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable sheet within the edges of said sheet, thereby providing extended flap portions which flap portions are foldable to overlap the ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable target; and a malleable securing strip attached to the foldable ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable sheet of a length sufficient to secure said folded flap portions overlapping said ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable target. target, wherein the liquid is utilized in histological examination.
2. (Currently Amended): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1 further comprising wherein the malleable securing strip is attached at an edge of the ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable sheet.
3. (Original): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, wherein the malleable securing strip is a metal wire.
4. (Original): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, wherein the malleable securing strip is metal foil.

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5. (Currently Amended): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, further comprising wherein the ~~fluid liquid~~ permeable target is coated with a release agent.
6. (Currently Amended): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, wherein the ~~fluid liquid~~ permeable target is a ~~fluid liquid~~ permeable paper sheet.
7. (Currently Amended): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, further comprising an X and Y coordinate marking lines on the ~~fluid liquid~~ permeable target.
8. (Cancelled).
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Cancelled).